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1. A method of creating contents comprising the steps of:
 - inputting first contents information concerning an audio input source or a video input source or an audio and video source;
 - compressing a signal of said input source according to the need;
 - recording a compressed signal of said input source on a recording medium;
 - designating recording position information useful for recording the compressed signal of said input source on said recording medium;
 - creating a table containing at least more than one second contents information concerning a predetermined input source in which said recording position information is added to said first contents information concerning said input source; and
 - recording said table on said recording medium.
2. A method of creating contents as claimed in claim 1, wherein said input source signal is compressed in accordance with an MPEG standard.
3. A method of creating contents as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first contents information contains at least titles of input sources, reproduction times of titles and priority information based on the situation in which the input sources had been used.
4. A method of creating contents as claimed in claim 1, wherein said table is recorded on a starting portion of a recording portion on which the compressed signal of said input source was recorded.
5. An apparatus for recording contents comprising:
 - means for inputting first contents information concerning an audio input source or a video input source or an audio and video input source;

4 compressing means for compressing a signal of said input source
5 according to the need;

6 control means for conferring recording position information useful
7 for recording the compressed signal of said input source on a recording medium;

8 creation means for creating a table containing at least more than
9 one second contents information concerning a predetermined input source in
10 which said recording position information is added to said first contents
11 information concerning said predetermined input source;

12 data adding means for supplying the compressed signal of said
13 compressing means and the table of said creation means to said recording
14 medium; and

15 a recording medium having the compressed signal of said input
16 source and said table recorded thereon.

1 6. An apparatus for creating contents as claimed in claim 5,
2 wherein the signal of said input source is compressed in accordance with an
3 MPEG standard.

1 7. An apparatus for creating contents as claimed in claim 5,
2 wherein said first contents information contains at least titles of input sources,
3 reproduction times of titles and priority information based on the situation in
4 which the input sources had been used.

1 8. An apparatus for creating contents as claimed in claim 5,
2 wherein said table is recorded on a starting portion of a recording portion on
3 which the compressed signal of said input source was recorded.

1 9. In a recording medium on which an audio input source or a
2 video input source or an audio and video source is recorded, a contents
3 recording medium having recorded thereon a signal of said input source
4 compressed according to the need and a table containing at least more than one
5 second contents information in which recording position information for

6 recording on said recording medium is added to first contents information
7 concerning said input source.

1 10. A contents recording medium as claimed in claim 9, wherein
2 the signal of said input source is compressed in accordance with an MPEG
3 standard.

1 11. A contents recording medium as claimed in claim 9, wherein
2 said first contents information contains at least titles of input sources,
3 reproduction times of titles and priority information based on the situation in
4 which the input sources had been used.

1 12. A contents recording medium as claimed in claim 9, wherein
2 said table is recorded on a starting portion of a recording portion on which the
3 compressed signal of said input source was recorded.

1 13. In a method of downloading compressed data and a first
2 table from a first recording medium on which compressed data of an audio input
3 source or a video input source of an audio and video input source and said first
4 table indicating first contents information containing reproducing position
5 information concerning said input source are recorded on a second recording
6 medium, a method of downloading contents comprising the steps of:
7 downloading said first table from said first table;
8 reading out compressed data of a predetermined input source from
9 said first recording medium based on the reproducing position information of
10 said first contents information concerning a predetermined input source on said
11 first table and downloading the compressed data thus read to said second
12 recording medium;
13 memorizing recording position information useful for recording said
14 compressed data on said second recording medium;
15 creating a second table containing at least more than one second
16 contents information in which reproducing position information in said first

contents information concerning said predetermined input information is replaced with recording position information useful for recording on said second recording medium; and
recording said second table on a second recording medium.

14. A method of downloading contents as claimed in claim 13, wherein the signal of said input source is compressed in accordance with an MPEG standard.

15. A method of downloading contents as claimed in claim 13, wherein said second contents information contains at least titles of input sources, reproduction times of titles and priority information based on the situation in which the input sources had been used.

16. A method of downloading contents as claimed in claim 13, wherein said second table is recorded on a starting portion of a recording portion on which the compressed signal of said input source was recorded.

17. In a contents storage and distribution apparatus having downloaded thereto compressed data and a first table from a first recording medium in which compressed data of an audio input source or a video input source or an audio and video input source and said first table indicating first contents information containing reproducing position information concerning said input source are recorded together, a contents storage and distribution apparatus comprising:
reproduction means for downloading said first table from said recording medium;
a second recording medium having recorded thereon compressed data of a predetermined input source read out from said first recording medium based on reproducing position information of said first contents information concerning a predetermined input source on said first table; and

14 control means for conferring recording position information useful
15 for recording said compressed data on said second recording medium and
16 creating a second table containing at least more than one second contents
17 information concerning a predetermined input source in which reproducing
18 position information in said first contents information concerning said
19 predetermined input source is replaced with recording position information for
20 recording on said second recording medium.

1 18. A contents storage and distribution apparatus as claimed in
2 claim 17, wherein the signal of said input source is compressed in accordance
3 with an MPEG standard.

1 19. A contents storage and distribution apparatus as claimed in
2 claim 17, wherein said second contents information contains at least titles of
3 input sources, reproduction times of titles and priority information based on the
4 situation in which the input sources had been used.

1 20. A contents storage and distribution apparatus as claimed in
2 claim 17, wherein said second table is recorded on a starting portion of a
3 recording portion on which the compressed signal of said input source was
4 recorded.